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E.O. 11652: NA  
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SUBJ: CIVAIR: BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 189308, (B) CAIRO 1539

1. AGREE THAT IT MOST LIKELY WOULD BE WELL TO AVOID RAISING QUESTION OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOE FOR THE MOMENT. LAST FORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM GOE WE HAVE RECEIVED DIRECTLY ON SUBJECT IS MFA NOTE OF DEC 25, 1976 (REFTEL B), WHICH MAKES TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION FOR TWA FLIGHTS THROUGH END OCTOBER 1977 CONTINGENT UPON HOLDING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BY NOVEMBER (NOT OCTOBER - REF A) 31. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, MINCIV AVIATION LETTER (TEXT BEING SENT SEPTTEL) GRANTING EXTENSION OF PRESENT TWA SCHEDULING THROUGH NEXT MARCH SUPERSEDES MFA NOTE. LETTER ALSO CALLS FOR BILATERALS BY MARACH 31, 1978.

2. COMMENTS OF CAIRO TWA REP TO US AUGUST 15 INDICATE TOUGH SLEDDING AHEAD ON NEXT TWA SCHEDULE REQUEST AND, CONSEQUENTLY, BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. TWA PLANS TO ASK 14 FLIGHTS WEEKLY (EXPANDING CAIRO-PARIS- NEW YORK SERVICE  
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TO DAILY SERVICE) BEGINNING APRIL ONE AND, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT HAS NOT YET BEEN BROACHED TO GOE, EXPECTS TO ENCOUNTER CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION. POSSIBLE CAUSE OF RELUCTANCE TO PERMIT EXPANDED SCHEDULE, ACCORDING TWA, IS CURRENT FORMATION OF EGYPTIAN PRIVATE SECTOR-FINANCED LINE CALL PAN-EGYPTIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS. NEW AIRLINE REPORTEDLY

IS ACQUIRING FOUR VC-10'S FROM DEFUNCT EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS AND UP TO 12 VISCOUNTS ELSEWHERE, BUT TWA HAS NO RPT NO FURTHER DETAILS. (EMBASSY HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD OF PAN-EGYPTIAN; WE ARE PURSUING INQUIRIES IN THIS REGARD.)

3. TWA REP ALSO TELLS US MINCIV AVIATION OFFICIAL, PROBABLY CIVAV AUTHORITY UNDERSEC KHATTAB, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER, AT WHICH TIME HE PLANS TO LAY GROUND WORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY 1978. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTHING OFFICIAL ON SUBJECT, BUT THIS REPORT, ALONG WITH TWA'S EXPECTATION THAT NEXT REQUEST FOR SCHEDULE APPROVAL WILL MEET WITH STICKY RECEPTION, SUGGEST USG SHOULD BEGIN SOON PREPARING FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS DELAYED SEVERAL TIMES THUS FAR. EILTS

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